

# THE GLEICHEN CALL

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## Regular Meeting Town Council

A regular meeting of the town council was held last week. Present were: Mayor Colpoys and Councillors R. Fiddes, W. Pettit, U. A. Jones, R. Hunter, E. Bolinger and F. Michael.

The minutes of the previous were read and adopted on motion of Councillor Bolinger. The stop signs to be erected near the school are to be put up as soon as possible.

The secretary's bond having been approved by the minister was presented to the council and accepted.

By-law No. 445 was read for the first time. This by-law is in connection with Calgary Power Co. contract to supply Gleichen with electric power.

A donation of \$7.59 was made to the Gleichen Public Library. A. Horn was appointed returning officer for the year 1956.

April 5th was the date set for the tax sale.

The inspector's report on the town books was read to the council and was accepted and ordered filed.

The application of R. Heward to operate a Men's Wear and Dry Goods store in town was approved. Councillors F. Michael and E. Bolinger were appointed a committee of two to interview Fairbanks-Morse Co. with regard to the two submersible pumps.

The report of the R.C.M.P. for the month of December was accepted. The report of the Fire Inspector was also received and accepted.

All accounts were referred to the finance committee and if found correct were ordered paid.

## Brooks Staging "World Series" Curling Feb. 6th

Four nationally prominent curling skips will appear in a "World Series" round robin curling match in the new artificial rink at Brooks on Monday, February 6.

Garnet Campbell, Avonlea, Sask., 1955 and Mat Baldwin, Edmonton, 1954 Dominion Brier champions, Art Simpson, Bassano, 1952 and Hugh Brown, Claresholm, 1955 Dominion Brier contenders, will enter rinks in the series.

This invitation event is sponsored by Brooks Kinsmen club to give a boost to funds currently being raised for a covered rink and civic centre in Brooks, construction of which will commence in the spring.

Other western Canadian sports figures are being invited to attend the event and a special banquet. Names of those attending will be confirmed at a later date.

## Safety Council

Sharply contrasting with the black Decembers of recent years only four deaths from highway accidents occurred in Alberta last month. This is shown in the annual summary of accidents for the year just issued by the Alberta Safety Council. For the entire year, Alberta had 209 motor vehicle fatalities, four more than in 1954 and substantially less than in 1953 when there were 239.

In 1955, there were 17,579 motor accidents, compared with 16,446 the year before. The accidents resulted in 4,061 persons being injured as against 3,632 the previous year.

While over the year there were increases in deaths, accidents and physical injuries, officials of the Safety Council point out that at the end of November, there were 348,000 licensed cars and trucks in Alberta for the eleven months, an increase of more than 20,000 or six percent over the 1954 calendar year's total. Also, tourist traffic was heavier during the past year, which meant a much greater traffic volume on the streets and highways.

The impressive reduction in nearly 300,000



Top performance and lively beauty are the outstanding attributes of Buick's new Century and Special series for 1956. A 255 horsepower V-8 engine, with four-barrel carburetor, hooked up to the new variable pitch Dynaflo transmission makes the Century the leading performer on the highway. Special models are powered by the same big engine, rated in this series at 220 h.p. Dynaflo drive is standard equipment on the Century, optional on the Special. Many engineering advances have been made in the chassis of both series to improve ride and stability.

fatal accidents during December is much better than we had expected," states Paul Lawrence, safety director for the A.S.C.

"I feel this was due to a combination of factors. In addition to the safety work maintained on an intensive scale since November 20, there was the special campaign for the best results possible on Safe Driving Day, December 1st. Further, bad road conditions owing to wintry weather was another factor. Contrary to general belief, icy roads usually result in less traffic deaths, although property damage accidents zoom.

## Cancer Crusade

An all time record of \$250,07.63 was subscribed by the people of Alberta during the 1955 Cancer Crusade. Of this total \$12,050 came from legacies, and special large donations the balance being small donations subscribed by over 80,000 donors throughout the province.

Praised is the efforts of the many volunteer workers, in the 400 and more communities where the campaign was conducted for their enthusiasm and zeal enabling the campaign in Alberta not only to raise for the year the greatest per capita donation, but at the lowest cost of any province in Canada. Campaign costs were less than \$10,000.

Expenditures on research during the past year included five National Cancer Institute projects at the university totalling \$27,000 the McEachern Laboratory program, \$24,000 while a grant of \$2,500 went into the Society's research bed at the University Hospital.

Because of the success of the Cancer Crusade, the vital public education program, aimed at bringing the general public to early diagnosis and treatment, through the dispelling of ignorance and fear, was itself a success. During the year motion pictures played a significant role in this program with more than 1,500 showings to audiences of nearly 75,000. Screenings were made before Service Clubs, industrial and social groups, Women's Institutes, F.W.U.A. locals, I.O.D.E. chapters, farm clubs, sororities, church organizations, and many others. News of the latest advances in the fight against cancer were brought to the people of Alberta through the medium of press and radio, while close to 400,000 pieces of literature were distributed from information centres, fair exhibits, and at public meetings.

Nearly \$100,000 was spent during the year on behalf of cancer sufferers through the welfare program. These included drugs and medication, transportation to clinic and treatment centres, artificial limbs, plastic work, nursing care, special diets, and the ever-widening free cancer dressing service, which last year supplied over 600,000 dressings to more than 450 patients, at a cost of

## Curling History

Now that curling is in full swing a curler has suggested some of the game's history, some true and some no doubt fancied.

Long before it became almost a national winter game in Canada, drawing thousands to bonspiel, for automobiles and cash prizes it had its beginning in Scotland.

At least, that's what the Scots tell us although there's been a rumor around for a long time that it started in Flanders. No true Scotsman believes this tale and, as the Scots rule the game, we have to believe them.

It is true there is no evidence that anything similar to curling existed in the Netherlands before Scotland had raised curling to the status of a major sport.

Curling is believed to have grown out of lawn bowling, which existed in Scotland centuries before curling. Curling came along sometime about 1520 or 1550, dates substantiated to some extent by the finding of a curling stone near Dunblane which had the date 1551 carved on it.

In 1838 the Grand Caledonian Curling Club was created and quickly became the dominating organization for the sport. The name was changed to "Royal Caledonian Curling Club" after

a visit by Queen Victoria in 1842. The Queen permitted the use of "royal" in the name, although she confided to an attendant that she thought her curling subjects "quite mad."

The sport was introduced into Canada about 1807 and into the United States 13 years later. But for more than 70 years it made much greater progress in the U.S. than here. The first U.S. club was at Pontiac, Mich., and it influenced the creation of many more clubs along the Canadian border. With Canada indifferent, the Scots used to travel to the States for their international tournaments.

But all this changed near the end of the 19 century. While the sport continued to be popular in some northern New York cities and in the Great Lakes area, it boomed in Canada until in recent years. With more than 200,000 players it has challenged hockey for popularity in some areas.

Visiting Scottish curlers in recent years have been bewildered by the game's growth in Canada. They report back to fellow Scots that for every 100 curlers in the game's birthplace there are thousands in Canada.

For many years here curling was classed with golf as an old man's game but the popularity it achieved in the West brought many youngsters into competition

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## Increase in dairy cows in Canada

The increasing populations of India, New York and the world come in for a great deal of discussion.

Then one reads of the bee population, the insect population in general and their rates of increase. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has come up with some interesting Canadian population figures too.

The number of cows kept for milking in Canada has increased by 2.4 percent over last year. It is interesting to realize that just over three million cows produce all the milk, cream, ice cream, butter and other dairy products that over 15 million Canadians consume. Alberta and Quebec tie for first place in the rate of increase—nearly double the Canada-wide increase—that is, a 4 percent increase in milk cow population over 1955. Nova Scotia is the only province in Canada not showing a milk cow increase in 1955.

Alberta has the unique position of being the only province in Canada to show an increase in the number of dairy helpers over the last year. Alberta has a score of 5 percent higher dairy helper population than last year. The average increase across Canada is a negative one, that is, a number of dairy helpers is 2.4 percent less in 1955 than it was in 1954.

The calf population showed an increase of 4.6 percent for the whole of Canada with all provinces showing an increase. Alberta was second place in the rate of increase with a standing of 5 percent, compared with the provincial leaders of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, showing a 6 percent increase over last year's calf population.

DRIVE WITH CARE!

## Study reveals cost of farm and equipment

Every young man wanting his own farm asks himself the same question—"What will it cost to buy and equip a farm?" The answer to this question, of course, on many things—type of soil, location, size of farm, type and age of buildings, machinery desired and the type of farming.

After four years work with Alberta's Mixed Farm Study, Mr. Alf Petersen is able to provide some specific answers for the Leduc-Wetaskiwin area. In 1954, 26 farmers on half section farms in the black soil zone were asked for a fair and conservative appraisal of the present value of their real estate, machinery and breeding livestock.

The total investment (in round numbers) averaged \$33,100 per farm. Of this total investment \$19,400 was for land and building, \$6,700 for machinery and equipment, \$4,300 for livestock and \$2,700 in hay, feed and grain investments on hand.

Mr. Petersen points out that if a potential farmer wants his farm along a main highway, or adjacent to a town in this area, or wishes to start with new machinery his investment will be somewhat higher than the cross section of the farms studied.

### FIVE "HAT TRICKS"

There were five "Hat Tricks" recorded in the National Hockey League at the one-third mark of the 1955-56 season. Two of the five players scoring three goals in a game were members of the New York Rangers. The Ranger duo were Ron Murphy and Wally Hergeheimer. Leo Labine of the Boston Bruins and Nick Mickoski of the Chicago Black Hawks both notched three goals in a game this season while Canadiens' Jean Beliveau scored four in a game.



**SOWING A FIELD OF DEATH**—Masked and gloved technicians spray a rice field near Taipei, Formosa, with a deadly insecticide in the unending war against the rice stem borer, prime enemy of the Orient's staff of life. Skull-and-crossbones, pennant, foreground, warns that field will remain toxic for a week after spraying.

## Feed upland game birds is plea of game commissioner

REGINA.—A plea to feed upland game birds which have been suffering because of unprecedented winter and blizzard conditions since the start of November was issued by Provincial Game Commissioner E. L. Paynter.

He said that migrating waterfowl are in a position to migrate to sunny, southern climates while upland game birds are not so fortunate, and must spend winter in conditions as may affect Saskatchewan.

The province no longer has the numerous straw stacks which were so evident on the prairies some 20 years ago, and consequently this source of shelter and feed is not now available. Sharptail grouse and bush partridge are native to this coun-

try and normally can shift for themselves, while pheasants and Hungarian Partridge are not so fortunate in winter because they greatly depend on the extent of generosity of farmers, elevator men and others who are prepared to throw out grain or screenings for their benefit.

### Need shelter also

Mr. Paynter said pheasants also depend on artificial shelter under such winter conditions because unlike prairie chickens they do not roost in trees or snowbanks, but often take shelter in deserted buildings or farmyards.

"Last fall we had satisfactory numbers of upland game birds in most of the province, and a little consideration and thoughtfulness on the part of citizens who are in a position to help them during the balance of winter could have a big effect on their survival," he said. Especially in the case of Hungarian Partridge it is often just as important they have gravel or grit available to them as food, consequently a little pile of gravel could prove very valuable.

The commissioner added that wherever feeding stations may be located, it is also important that birds of prey be eliminated. This can be done, he said, by placing a gopher trap on top of a pole in close proximity to where birds are fed.

In closing, Mr. Paynter added his personal plea: "How about some of the farmers and sportsmen contributing a little Christmas cheer to upland game birds?"

## World-wide shortage of doctors

There are 1,200,000 doctors to deal with the world's population of 2,500,000,000 according to a study published by the World Health Organization.

The study shows that in 22 countries there is only one doctor to every 20,000 or more inhabitants, while in another 14 countries there is one doctor to every 1,000 or less.

Europe and North and Central America have by far the greatest number of doctors. In Europe, with a population of 614,800,000, there is a doctor to every 956 people. In North and Central America, population 233,800,000, there is a doctor to every 946.

The study gives the following figures for individual countries: United States, one doctor for every 777 persons; Russia, one for every 758; Britain, one for every 1,145; Japan, one for every 1,055; and India, one for every 5,806.

At the extreme ends of the scales are Austria with one doctor for every 646 people and Ethiopia with one for every 184,835.

### Must be marked

New regulations now require "substandard" hosiery to be stamped as such. This practice covers not only all Canadian hosiery mills but extends to U.S. mills exporting to Canada. Under the new regulations "substandard" hosiery no longer can "mix with quality," unknown to the purchaser. A substantial stocking is generally accepted as one with some flaw, such as a thick thread, but whose wearability or appearance is in no way impaired.

## Royal Bank of Canada assets reach record \$3,284,143,865

The Royal Bank of Canada closed its fiscal year on November 30, 1955 with a profit, after taxes and all other charges, of \$10,858,480, a 13.6 percent increase over the figures for the previous year. This represents earnings per share of \$2.58, as compared with \$2.28 in 1954.

The bank's profit and loss statement this year is being presented in slightly different form in that profits are shown after provision for depreciation and income taxes, which formerly were shown separately. It is also noted that the bank has set aside this year \$11,215,000 for income taxes.

Out of net profit regular dividends of \$6,604,422 were paid to shareholders plus an extra distribution at the rate of 20c per share amounting to \$840,000. The residual amount, together with the balance of undivided profits resulted in the sum of \$4,918,133 from which the bank transferred \$4,000,000 to the Rest Fund, leaving a balance of \$918,133. This is the 6th year in a row that the Royal Bank has transferred to the Rest Fund a portion of the current year's earnings. Capital and Rest Fund now stand at \$42,000,000 and \$108,000,000 respectively which, with undivided profits, bring the capital funds of the bank to \$150,918,133.

The bank's annual balance sheet just issued shows total assets for the year at \$3,284,143,865, a figure which exceeds the record total of a year ago by well over \$250,000,000.

### First over \$3 billion

The first Canadian bank to show deposits in excess of \$3 billion, the Royal attained under this heading a total of \$3,062,220,349 in 1955, an increase for the year of \$294,672,200.

Loans, exclusive of mortgage loans under NHA total \$1,243,629,362, exceeding the 1954 figure, by more than \$55,000,000. Call loans are down by some \$81,000,000, reflecting reduced activity in the securities market. Other loans, including commercial loans in Canada, increased by \$137,214,338 to \$1,168,841,182, indicative of the degree to which the Royal Bank has participated in the market industrial and commercial development throughout Canada during 1955.

A striking indication of the extent of this bank's participation in providing loans for new housing is the figure for "Mortgages and Hypothecs insured under NHA (1954)", which now stands at \$100,865,965. This is well over four times the figure of a year ago and represents 38 percent of mortgage loans on the books of all Canadian chartered banks.

Total quick assets of \$1,918,

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## Funny and Otherwise

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Mrs. Brown: "Give a husband enough rope and he'll hang himself."

Mrs. Robinson: "I'm not sure. I gave mine too much and he skipped."

"I'll never play cards with him again."

"Does he cheat?" "Does he? He played an hour I had up my sleeve."

French Teacher: "You—the girl in the front who is dreaming! What is the difference between 'madame' and 'made-moiselle'?"

Student: "Monsieur."

"Pilots can do anything a bird can do nowadays," boasted a young airman.

"There's one thing they can't do like a bird," said his friend. "Sing sweetly while sitting on a barbed wire fence."

"You see that right-wing-er?" John asked Mary at a local football match. "I think he's going to be our best man this year."

"Oh, Johnny, darling, this is so sudden!" exclaimed Mary.

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In Scandinavian countries, Christmas begins on December 13, Santa Lucia's day, and ends January 11.

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## THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

### Condensed Annual Statement

30th November, 1955

### ASSETS

Cash on hand and due from banks (including items in transit) . . . . .	\$ 542,453,934
Government of Canada and provincial government securities, not exceeding market value . . . . .	944,686,948
Municipal and other securities, not exceeding market value . . . . .	356,820,517
Call loans, fully secured . . . . .	74,788,180
Total quick assets . . . . .	\$1,918,749,579

Other loans and discounts . . . . .	1,168,841,182
Mortgages and hypothecs insured under N.H.A. (1954) . . . . .	100,865,965
Bank premises . . . . .	27,119,386
Liabilities of customers under acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit . . . . .	62,423,760
Other assets . . . . .	6,143,993
	\$3,284,143,865

### LIABILITIES

Deposits . . . . .	\$3,062,220,349
Acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit . . . . .	62,423,760
Other liabilities . . . . .	8,581,623
Total liabilities to the public . . . . .	\$3,133,225,732

Capital paid up . . . . .	42,000,000
Rest Account . . . . .	108,000,000
Undivided profits . . . . .	918,133
	\$3,284,143,865

### STATEMENT OF UNDIVIDED PROFITS

Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1955, after provision for depreciation and income taxes and after making transfers to inner reserves out of which full provision has been made for diminution in value of investments and loans . . . . .	\$10,858,480
Dividends at the rate of \$1.57½ per share . . . . .	\$6,604,422
Extra distribution at the rate of 20c per share . . . . .	840,000
	\$ 7,444,422
Balance of undivided profits, 30th November, 1954 . . . . .	\$ 1,504,073
	\$ 4,918,133
Transferred to Rest Account . . . . .	4,000,000
Balance of undivided profits, 30th November, 1955 . . . . .	\$ 918,133

\*Provision for income taxes \$11,215,000

JAMES MUIR,  
Chairman and President

K. M. SEDGEWICK,  
General Manager



## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY —

## HABIT

—By KATHRN BEMIS

AT FIVE-THIRTY p.m. as usual, George Madison left the First National Bank of Crosstown. He started up the busy street with that deliberate tread of his, then swung back to the corner. It might look suspicious to change his ways tonight.

"The same, sir?" asked old Tim, blind since the battle of the Marne in the First World War.

"Yes," said George, handing as his nickel banged the tin cup.

"A bit cool for April," offered Tim, handing up the Crosstown Evening News. "Get to know weather, don't we—being out in it every day like me an' you. Say—jus' how many years you been comin' from the First National to get my papers?"

George started, paled. Couldn't let on to the old fool that after tonight he wouldn't be around, couldn't explain that after tonight, he'd be a free man, a man of means, no longer a slave. Only thing you could call a bank teller, wasn't it?

"It's about fifteen years," came from George's dry lips.

"No doubt the bank folks are pretty fond of you by this time," commented Tim. "They're mighty nice to me, too—from the president down."

"Yes, of course," chopped out George, swinging away.

Mrs. Murrey's gloomy boarding house irritated him more than ever tonight. The worn strip of Brussels on the front stairs, the odor of baked beans—always beans on Tuesdays. The bare neatness of his small bedroom with its golden oak furniture, his row of biographical and statistical books topping the rickety desk, his worn leather slippers beside the bed, the faded blue counterpane, all filled him with disgust. Gentle poverty! Smart men don't know poverty!

His reflection in the wavy mirror over his dresser startled him. He ran a broken-toothed comb through his mousy brown hair. Blue eyes stared accusingly back at him, glassy eyes set in a thin drawn face. His short-clipped moustache twitched. The comb clattered to the floor. "Nerves! Nerves!" he muttered. "Got to get on the beam! Can't get a botch of things!"

But after warm food and lively table conversation with the other boarders who believed in him, his confidence rose. He was able to let himself into the First National that evening, nearly as calmly as he'd done hundreds of former evenings. Only this time he would not be working overtime for his superiors. Just for himself.

Finally, he was stuffing big rolls of currency into a travelling

bag. He hoped his luck would hold, that Henry, the night watchman, would doze in the back room as usual.

His luck did hold. It held so well it was uncanny. Even his aged automobile ran perfectly till close to daybreak, when he abandoned it and hopped a fast freight for the west. His chief objective now was to reach a certain man highly skilled in plastic surgery, a man who'd do anything for a price.

"Your own mother wouldn't recognize you," said the man, as George left the cabin hidden on a lonely country road.

George tried to smile, but his face still held to this reference to an adored mother he'd lost when a child was irrelevant.

George Madison now became James Farnum. His hair was bleached white, his upper lip was smooth-shaven, his once good-looking nose was unpleasantly aquiline. Even his voice was higher pitched. He not only looked different, he felt different. He was rich. He had close to one hundred thousand dollars.

In Alaska, he went into fur trading, became surprisingly prosperous. He remained a bachelor and avoided making close friends. Three years of this and he grew restless. He went to Chicago, then to New York and took in the best shows and night clubs. In a Fifth Avenue bar, he ran into Ed Ratchet, former clerk in the old First National of Crosstown. He talked with him at length and wasn't recognized.

So he decided to return to Crosstown and take a look around. After all it was his home. The very thought of the provincial little berg filled him with nostalgia.

He put up at the Crosstown Hotel with no questions asked. In the hotel lobby, on the streets and in the shops, he was treated like any stranger. "What a cinch!" he told himself, on a dozen occasions. One day as he passed the bank, he saw old blind Tim sitting on his customary corner. Tim was selling a newspaper to a strange man. "Guess I'll drop a five spot in Tim's cup for luck," decided George. It gave him a warm feeling inside to be going toward old Tim again.

But as he paused before him, Tim leaped up and grabbed George's beautifully tailored sleeve. He cried, "George! Madison! It's George Madison!"

"Let me go! I'm James Farnum!" exclaimed the terrified George, trying to pull away.

"What a break!" said the strange man, holding out hand-cuffs. "I've been looking for you a very long time! Thought you might blow back—they generally do!"

"Plain clothes, eh?" sneered George. "I'll prove you're wrong—I'll sue—!"

"Can't fool me," piped up old Tim. "I get to know a man's footsteps after hearing 'em for fifteen years!"

## Strictly Fresh

Johannesburg, South Africa, boasts a golf course with an unusual hazard, says its publicity agent. Baboons often run off with the balls. What's so unusual? Some baboon ran off with ours last time we played the local course.

Washington, D.C. dairy expert says that when a cow corks her ears forward and her eyes bright-



en, she's smiling. Fellow across the desk from us says that it's his experience she's getting ready to kick the chowder out of you.

Indiana University professor says that women who do their own chores (diaper washing, canning, etc.) are upsetting the nation's economy. Injures big business, she says. Couple of husbands up the street read this and took off for a week's trip the same night. Going hunting.

There's one firm that has found that the automobile is a horse of a different collar. The Jim Dandy Collar Company, once the world's largest manufacturer of horse collars, has sold all its machinery at a liquidation sale.

Asbestos may be woven into cloth. Being a mineral, it does not burn easily.

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## Gay accessories brighten any ensemble



Accessories such as the sparkling star pins, left, add a dramatic touch to cocktail or evening frocks. They are worn with large matching earrings. Another popular gift is the multi-colored satin ribbon scarf, right. A French import, it lends individuality to a suit, dress or sweater.

## Indian wheel proves valuable in fish tagging

The old Indian fish wheel idea has been adopted by the federal fisheries department for tagging salmon.

Such a wheel was installed on the Fraser river at Hope, B.C., this fall, and was pronounced an immediate success by R. McLaren, biologist, and K. Lucas, engineer, who got the idea during a survey trip to the Yukon.

Basically, the fish wheel consists of two basket-type nets made from seine mesh stretched on steel pipe frames. The frames are attached to a steel shaft at opposite angles and motivation is aided by two paddles, also set in steel frames, at a 90 degree angle. Paddle and baskets thus form a four-spoked wheel which revolves on bearings at each end of the shaft.

The entire rig is mounted on four pontoons, each 22 feet long. Each basket net is 10 feet deep and forms a "J" at the extremity.

As the wheel revolves by force of the river current, fish are trapped in the live box for long periods without harm. After tagging, the fish are returned to the river above the wheel.

Fisheries men say the wheel, used by northern Indians many years ago to catch fish, permits a more constant fishing effort of greater scientific value than the former method of hand dip netting. It requires fewer operators and does minimum damage to the fish.

## Horse collar thing of past

A war which started over half a century ago with the beginning of the automotive age, is drawing to a close, comments The Financial Post. The last few strong-points of the horse, or at least the working horse, are now surrendering.

A few weeks ago, what was described as the world's largest marker of stuffed horse collars, went out of business in Illinois. In an Ontario cross-roads hamlet recently, the only practicing blacksmith for 35 miles in any direction, finally retired at 85.

It is doubtful whether one youth in a thousand today, would be able to identify the long, square, tapering horse shoe nail or the pungent smell when a red hot shoe was tried out for size on a horse's hoof.

An Italian rag picker won \$19,000 on an eight-cent football pool bet. How's that for a rags-to-riches story?

## The Olympic games

(By Lorne Daverne, President, Saskatchewan Branch A.A.U. of C.)

1956 is Olympic year across the world—the year when the Olympic games will again be held. The last games were in 1952 and they are held every four years. They are an institution now and all the world watches them. There is always a tendency to mix international prestige with the results of the games. Too many people feel that their country must win.

This is very far in misplaced emphasis from the original Olympic games celebrated in Greece more than 2,000 years ago. They were for Greeks only and honors were heaped on the head of the individual in the actual form of a wreath of laurel. Any of the glory reflected on his city was only incidental.

With the decay of Greek culture the Olympic games deteriorated and finally ended.

In modern times they have been revived. A Frenchman, Baron de Coubertin, thought that international harmony might be achieved by bringing athletes of all countries of the world together to compete, to live and eat, and play together for two weeks. His idea was taken up by interested men and the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in Greece in 1896. One event, the marathon race, was run over the same route that Phidippides, the Athenian hero who brought the great news of the battle of Marathon to Athens, had originally followed 2,000 years before. The earth-shattering news as far as the people of Greece were concerned, was that the modern revival of this athletic feat was won by a Greek!

Since then the Olympic Games have expanded, gone on from one success to another. More and more countries have entered, record after record has been broken. New events have been added, old ones have been dropped, exhibitions of national sports have been given.

The 1956 Olympics will be held in Melbourne, Australia. The so-called "Winter Olympics", those events which must be held in colder climates, such as hockey, skating, tobogganing, and skiing will be held in the city of Cortina d'Ampezzo, while the equestrian (horseback riding) events will be held in Stockholm. But the Olymp-

## CLEAN YOUR WHEELS

Trucks will please wipe their wheels before driving into Charlottesville, Virginia. City council took this view after rains when trucks from outlying construction jobs painted the pavements with red Albermarle County mud. Council also told the city attorney to draft an ordinance to make the request enforceable.

## Truth serums scored by psychiatrist

"Truth serums" may make innocent persons confess to crimes they never committed," a Colorado psychiatrist said in an article in Northwestern University's Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology and Police Science.

Dr. John M. Macdonald, assistant medical director of the Colorado psychopathic hospital and veteran consulting psychiatrist to the district courts of that state, sharply criticized use of sodium amytal and other drugs by police investigators.

"Persons under the influence of drugs are very suggestible," Dr. Macdonald wrote. "False or misleading answers may be given, especially when questions are improperly phrased."

Such confessions often result in a miscarriage of justice, Dr. Macdonald charged, or "they may interrupt the criminal investigation at a crucial time and enable the real criminal to escape detection."

Dr. Macdonald said many guilty suspects are able to lie while under influence of drugs.

Experience shows, he said, that criminals who confess under narcosis probably also would have confessed as a result of skillful questioning without the use of drugs.

## Canadian legacy to English 'Paddy'

A 32-year-old theatre doorman gave up his job at Brighton, England, recently, with a smile—to collect a fortune in Canada. Solicitors had told him he had inherited a \$260,000 fruit and canning business from an uncle in Toronto he met only once.

Soon "Paddy"—Charles Michael McMaster, from Ballykelly, County Londonderry—flies to Toronto where his uncle, also, Charles Michael McMaster, died two months ago.

"My uncle went to Canada from Ireland 20 years ago with only a few pounds in his pocket," Paddy said. He became one of the biggest canning men in the country. I only met him once when I was a lad." McMaster plans to return to England where he will buy a house for himself and wife Linda.

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## BOZO



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## Town & District Curling History

Glen C. House of Okotoks spent a few hours in town last Friday afternoon. He was accompanied by a couple of friends.

Leo Woods the Gleichen painting and decorating contractor is at present at Didsbury redecorating Tom Brown's new hotel.

Beginning tomorrow—Thursday—a hockey tournament will be staged at the rink. It will take three afternoons and evenings to finish the games. There are some 16 teams entered. Prizes totalling \$250 are offered.

Wm. Cook had the misfortune to freeze the tips of his fingers one night last week.

### CARD OF THANKS

I am sincerely grateful to friends and neighbors for their many kind acts of sympathy during my sad bereavement. My appreciation cannot be adequately expressed.

MRS. T. HASKETH

Interim tabulations following the Farmers' Union of Alberta membership drive show a total sign up of 28,973 members, representing 19,099 farm units. This number is down substantially from that of the corresponding period for 1955. However, only 483 out of some 700 locals in the province have reported to date. The president attributes the draggy returns mainly to the cold, stormy weather during the drive and since, making travel out in the country almost impossible. Further sign-up activities are being conducted in conjunction with the current series of farm meetings being held throughout the province and the total membership figure is anticipated to be close to the majority record of last year.

Mount Jacques Cartier in the Appalachians, 4,160 feet, is the highest mountain in Quebec. Highest peak in Ontario is part of the Niagara escarpment, at Caledonia, 1,660 feet.

Opened to commercial fishing only ten years ago, Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories now provides the continent's largest annual catch of trout and whitefish.



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### MORE WEED RESEARCH NEEDED

The advent of 2,4-D in 1945 opened the door to a new era in weed control. It initiated a revolution in selective chemical weed control. The picture was rosy. It seemed that in a few years we would only have to pour a quantity of a certain chemical into a sprayer, run it over a field, and our weed problems would be solved.

Unfortunately, this was not true. Our struggle against weeds is by no means over. True, we have been able to control quite a number of our very troublesome broad-leaved annual weeds in growing grain crops, but such common and destructive weeds as Wild Buckwheat and Tartary Buckwheat are still putting up a stiff fight. Then there is the Wild Oat which takes a heavier toll from agriculture in Western Canada than any other weed. So far, this wily foe has defied every control measure and withstood every chemical we have used against it. However, it has had some narrow escapes, and perhaps the day is not too far off when a chemical will be found to "tame" the "wild" oat, and rid western farmers of their worst weed enemy.

Our greatest need today is for more basic information about our weed enemies. Weed specialists and researchers are continually discovering new and important information on what makes weeds "tick". Such information, however, can only be obtained through the efforts of competent weed research workers and they must be provided with the necessary tools to do the job. This costs money. Weeds on the other hand cost the farmers of Western Canada at least \$250,000,000 a year. It is obviously an important responsibility of the prairie farmers and their organizations to insist that adequate financial support for weed control research be provided. An investment in weed research is a sound investment in the future welfare of our prairie agriculture.

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## Curling History

### the curling season

To the uninitiated the most baffling aspect of the game is the use of the broom. The stranger's first question usually is: "What the heck are they doing with those brooms?"

As a non curler we lean to the explanation that "scooping" it up" was introduced to provide enough exercise to keep the curlers warm. The experts tell us, however, that good sweeping is a highly-important part of the game and calls for development of a rhythmic technique.

Tests have indicated that with efficient sweeping a stone will travel 12 to 15 feet further than if it were not swept. This, in turn means that a stone can be made to hold its course (run

straight) in order to get the shot which might otherwise be missed. Scottish curlers created something of a fuss a few years ago on a visit to Canada when they brought with them what was described as a "charwoman's scrubbing brush." The chronicler reported: "They scrubbed the ice in anything but a dignified manner in contrast with the graceful action and step dance of the Canadian sweeper. Let's keep to the Canadian way of life, the use of the corn broom."

Generally known as the roarin' game (probably because of the frantic bellowing of the excited skips), curling has a distinctive Scottish flavor and a tinge in the construction of the curler's vocabulary. For instance, the expression "hog score" undoubtedly obtained its inspiration from the Scottish shepherds for the sheep which lagged behind the flock was known as a "hog." Therefore, we are told, the name was applied

to the 24-yard stretch of ice on which no stone may end its run without penalty of being removed from play.

Here are some tips for the novices—and vets—that we picked up:

Don't push the stones with your broom.

Don't touch a moving stone with your broom or body.

Don't drop tobacco ashes, matches or cigaret butts on the ice.

Don't sweep in the direction a stone is running; sweep crosswise. Don't stand watching the stones on your own side go by; be ready to sweep when told from hog line to tee.

Don't stand in the house unless you are skipping; sweepers remain between the hog lines.

Keep your eye on the broom that is your target.

Get well set and balanced at the hack before starting motion of delivering stone.

Clean your stone before every shot.

Wipe your feet before stepping on the ice.

And, last, don't kid a player about a bad shot—he feels tough enough.

Proactive tariffs to promote the growth of domestic industry were

first introduced in Canada in 1859. Canadian employers contributed \$417,000,000 last year to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, pensions and welfare.

Of the Canadian tax dollar about eight cents is spent on education, between 25 and 30 cents on social security and welfare.

Quebec, the largest province, has 7.74 persons per square mile of area. The national average is less than 4 persons per square mile.

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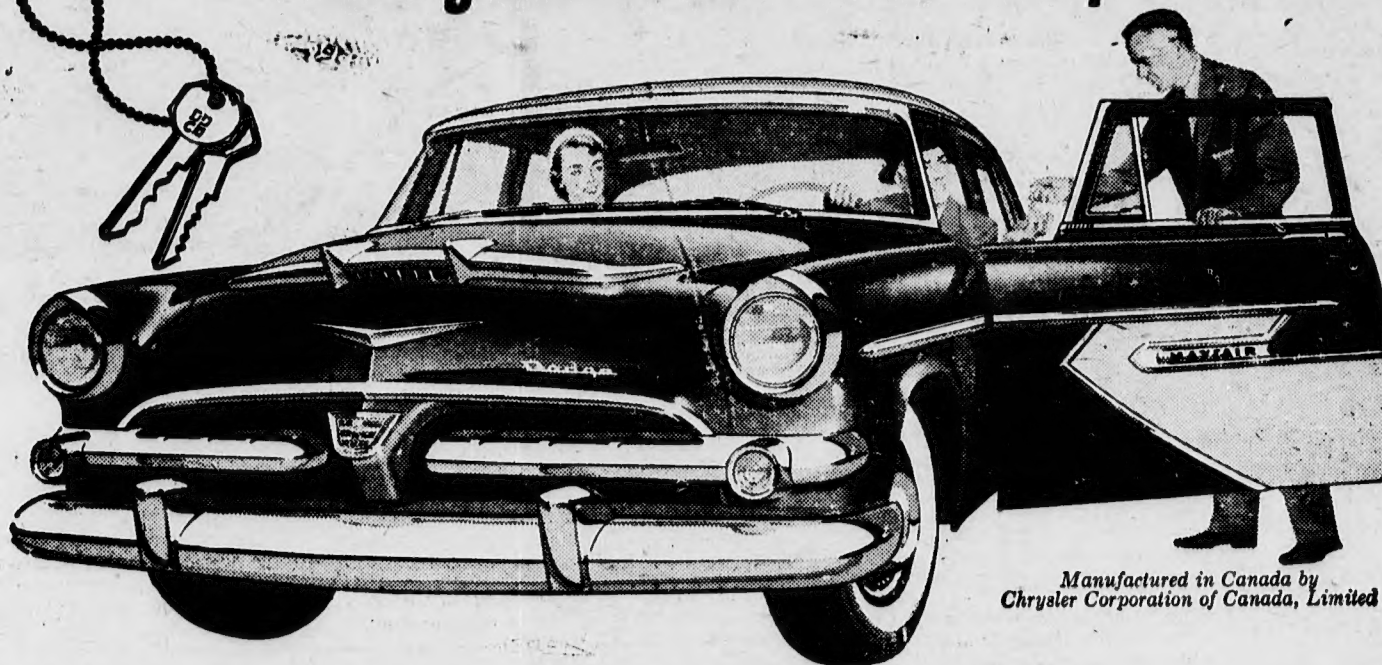
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